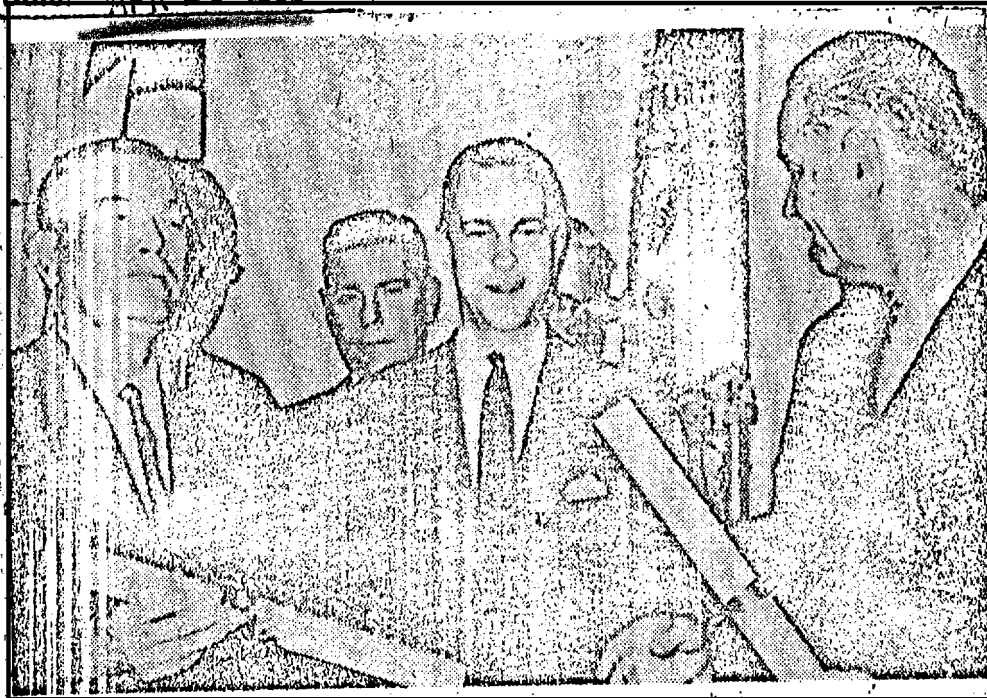


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Raborn and Helms receive appointments from Johnson. (AP)

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L.B.J. SWEARS IN ADM. RABORN

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WASHINGTON -- President Johnson swore in Adm. William F. Raborn as the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency Wednesday in an unusual Cabinet room ceremony that looked like a convention of secret agents.

Among the more than 70 people jammed into the Cabinet room were some of the nation's top CIA and other intelligence officials, including several who normally shun public ceremonies and appearances. Reporters were handed a "guest list" for the ceremony by the White House press office that read like a "Who's Who in CIA." There was no explanation of why the list was made public.

Adm. Raborn succeeds John A. McCone, who was named CIA director by President Kennedy and who stayed almost 3½ years in the post. Johnson also swore in Richard M. Helms, a career CIA

official, as deputy director, succeeding Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter.

In a short speech, President Johnson said the United States would "dishonor" its commitment to freedom and peace "if we were not every hour of every day vigilant against every threat to peace and freedom. That is why we have the Central Intelligence Agency." The purpose of CIA, he indicated, was "to strive for an orderly, just and peaceful world."

The chief executive had high praise for Adm. Raborn, father of the Navy's Polaris missile, and for McCone. Johnson said Adm. Raborn is "a team builder and he is a team-player," a phrase that suggested to some that the President may seek closer coordination and an end to rivalry among the various federal intelligence agencies.

Intelligence officials were standing three deep in the room. The mimeographed "guest list" given to newsmen contained the names of several intelligence op-

eratives previously identified in newspaper stories as CIA men. But it also listed others whose names have never been made public before.

Among the more or less "overt" officials whose names have appeared in the past—besides McCone and Helms—were John A. Bross, a deputy to the CIA director, Lawrence Houston, the agency's general counsel, Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, executive director, Albert D. Wheelon, CIA's top scientist, and Ray Cline, deputy director for intelligence.

Also on hand were FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover, Secret Service Chief James J. Rowley, former CIA Director Allen W. Dulles, Lt. Gen. Joseph Carroll, head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, a rival of CIA, Lt. Gen. Gordon A. Blake, head of the ultra-secret National Security Agency, which makes and breaks codes, Thomas Hughes, director of State Department intelligence, and Washington attorney Clark

Clifford, chairman of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

President Johnson noted that both Dulles and McCone were Republicans, but said, "I have never inquired into the admiral's politics." Adm. Raborn, 59-year-old former vice president of the Aerojet-General Corp. of California, supported Johnson publicly in the 1964 campaign.

Tuesday night, in a White House reception not announced until Wednesday morning, Johnson awarded the National Security Medal to McCone, the twelfth recipient since it was established in 1953 for outstanding contributions in the intelligence field. The citation praised McCone for his "distinguished leadership," his "inspirational idealism," and "his unchallenged integrity."

The chief executive, in the Cabinet room ceremony Wednesday, called Helms, a former newsmen, one of the most "highly respected" career officials in government. Helms had been deputy director for plans (secret operations) at CIA until Johnson named him deputy director of the entire agency. His successor has not yet been disclosed.